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New EOHHS Blog: *Commonwealth Conversations: Health and Human Services*

I'm pleased to announce that today we're launching a new blog space for EOHHS. This space, *Commonwealth Conversations: Health and Human Services*, will serve as a platform for all EOHHS agencies to communicate about important issues related to health and human services and clarify what may be confusing, or at times controversial, topics and deliver news that this office and our 16 public agencies have to share.

Some of you may be familiar with *Commonwealth Conversations: Public Health*, where I have posted on numerous topics during the past year. From national health care reform, to adoption, to breast cancer awareness, to how we pay for health care in the Commonwealth, I have written about a variety of health and human service issues that affect us all.

Similarly, this space will cover a wide range of topics and concerns that affect all residents of Massachusetts, just as, collectively, our agencies do every day. We also anticipate that there will be guest bloggers in this space, to reflect a variety of issues from our agencies as well as those throughout state government. The hope is that in this space, you will be able to understand how our many agencies work together to deliver the services that we do. We're interested in hearing from all health and human services staff from the heads of the agencies we support, to program managers who juggle projects and coordinate state initiatives, to our many dedicated employees working hard directly with Massachusetts residents everyday.

Additionally, we'll continue to 'tweet' our new blog posts. We invite you to follow us on Twitter: @Mass_HHS and stay informed about our posts and other news from EOHHS. We look forward to your comments and feedback, and hope you'll engage in the Commonwealth Conversation on this and other important broadcast channels we have developed to keep you up-to-date and informed about our work.

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